

Citational Justice

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Who Are the Guardians of Truth and Integrity?



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Lying, Liars, and Lies

- Study of lying focuses on the behavior: analysis of the recurring patterns of actions and interactions of liars with other persons and groups including liars, non-liars, and truth-tellers.
- Study of liars focuses on the persons: analysis of the individuals and/or groups of individuals who propagate and perpetuate the lies.
- Study of lies focuses on the content: analysis of the wrongful or untruthful information.
- What if we view the collective phenomena of lies, liars, and lying in a societal culture and community as an abnormal disorder that harms global public health?
- What if we named that abnormal disorder as a defined and described syndrome for further study and analysis?

Global Pandemic of Darvomania

- Do liars spread lies and lying in a manner analogous to an infectious disease as a public health hazard?
- Do adjectives such as *narcissistic*, *sociopathic*, or *psychopathic* to modify the noun *liar* adequately convey the dangers of the malevolent propaganda and lies in today's information wars?
- What about combining the acronym *DARVO* for the phrase “Deny, Attack, Reverse Victim and Offender” (from the published work of Dr. Jennifer Freyd) with the word *mania* well-known to lay persons, citizen scientists, and professional clinicians and medical doctors?
- How many political leaders, and how many of their followers, in how many countries around the world have been infected by the *global pandemic of darvomania*?
- What will be the vaccine and the cure that stops the spread of this global public health hazard of darvomania?

Who are the Guardians of Truth and Integrity?

- BHAVI will host an annual Guardians workshop every October.
- We will accept nominations each year for Guardians of Truth and Integrity but will not necessarily award the honor each year.
- We will only recognize a nominee as a Guardian of Truth and Integrity if we believe the scholar has served as a lifetime defender of truth and integrity, and has risen to the highest level of commitment to action and intervention *speaking truth to power*.

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